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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT EANES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

1. UNLESS YOU BELIEVE PRESENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES
MAKE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT EANES
INADVISABLE, YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY DECEMBER
1 TO DELIVER IT. IF HE ASKS WHETHER LETTER CAN BE MADE
PUBLIC, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT IT IS A PERSONAL COMMUNICATION,
THAT IT IS NOT NORMAL PRACTICE TO DO SO IN SUCH CASES, AND
THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING
RECENT EVENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY. SINCE THE REVOLUTION THREE
AND A HALF YEARS AGO, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE
DRAWN RENEWED INSPIRATION FROM THE COMMITMENT OF THE
PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO DEMOCRACY, AND FROM ALL THAT YOUR
NATION HAS ACHIEVED IN SO BRIEF A TIME.

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I WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTINUED, WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN PORTUGAL, AND OF MY OWN DEEP
AND PERSONAL ADMIRATION FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PORTUGAL'S

EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS DEMOCRACY.

PORTUGAL HAS OUR SUPPORT IN ITS EFFORTS TO CREATE A SOUND

BASIS FOR ITS ECONOMIC FUTURE, AND THE UNITED STATES GREATLY RESPECTS THE COURAGEOUS DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN SO FAR. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP YOUR COUNTRY RESOLVE ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

I KNOW THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE AMBASSADOR HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL LET HIM KNOW -- OR WRITE TO ME -- OF WAYS THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN BEST SUPPORT PORTUGAL'S EFFORTS TO CONTINUE BUILDING A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, AND TO PROMOTE THE STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY.

I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT PORTUGAL WILL PREVAIL, AND THAT THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN LIBERTY, WHICH IS SO MUCH A PART OF THE SHARED TRADITION OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.
END QUOTE. VANCE

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